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Dumby. Quite delightful! Good evening,,
Duchess. I suppose
this will be the last ball of the season ?
Duchess of Berwick. I suppose so, Mr. Dumby.
It has been a
very dull season, hasn't it ?
Dumby. Dreadfully dull! Dreadfully dull!
Mrs. Co^{per}-Coicper. Good evening, Mr.
Dumby. I suppose
this will be the last ball of the season?
Dumby. Oh, I think not. There'll probably be
two more.

[Wanders back to Lady

Plymdale.

Parker. Mr. Rufford. Lady Jedburgh and
Miss Graham.

Mr. Hopper. [These people enter as
announced.

Hopper. How do you do, Lady Windermere ?

How do you do,

Duchess?

[Bows to Lady

Agatha.

Duchess of Berwick. Dear Mr. Hopper, how nice of
you to come

so early. We all know how you are run after
in London.

Hopper. Capital place, London! They are
not nearly so

exclusive in London as they are in Sydney.

Duchess of Berwick. Ah! we know your value,
Mr. Hopper.

We wish there were more like you. It would

make life so

much easier. Do you know, Mr. Hopper, dear

Agatha and

I are so much interested in Australia. It

must be so pretty

with all the dear little kangaroos flying about.

Agatha has

found it on the map. What a curious shape it

is! Just like

a large packing case. However, it is a very

young country,

isn't it?

Hopper. Wasn't it made at the same time as the
others, *Duchess?*

Duchess of Berwick. How clever you are, Mr.

Hopper! You

have a cleverness quite of your own. Now I
mustn't keep you.

Hopper. But I should like to dance with Lady
Agatha, *Duchess.*

Duchess of Berwick. Well, I hope she has a
dance left. Have

you a dance left, *Agatha?*

Lady Agatha. Yes, mamma.

Duchess of Berwick. The next one?

Lady Agatha. Yes, mamma.

Hopper. May I have the pleasure? [Lady Agatha
bows.

Duchess of Berwick. Mind you take great care
of my little

chatter-box, Mr. Hopper.

[Lady Agatha and Mr. Hopper pass into
ball-room.

Enter Lord Windermere L.

*Lord Windermere** Margaret, I want to speak to
you.

Lady Windermere. In a moment. [The music
stops.

*Parker** Lord Augustus Lorton.